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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 44, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph (lines 24-30), please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph: -Plasmid pCR.Bgl-GFP-Bam (Figure 5) comprises an internal region of the GFP open reading frame derived from plasmid pEGFP-N1 MCS (Figure 1) placed operably under the control of the lacZ promoter. To produce this plasmid, a region of the GFP open reading frame was amplified from pEGFP-N1 MCS using the amplification primers Bgl-GFP (SEQ ID NO:1) and GFP-Bam (SEQ ID NO:2) and cloned into plasmid pCR2.1. The internal GFP-encoding region in plasmid pCR.Bgl-GFP-Bam lacks functional translational start and stop codons.--.

On page 45, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph (lines 15-21), please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph: -Plasmid pCR.SV40L (figure 8) comprises the SV40 late promoter derived from plasmid pSVL (GenBank Accession No. U13868; Pharmacia), cloned into pCR2.1 (Stratagene). To produce this plasmid, the SV40 late promoter was amplified using the primers SV40-1 (SEQ

